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1. FRELIMO SYMPATHIZERS ORGANIZED RALLIES IN SUPPORT OF

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LUSAKA TALKS THROUGHOUT MOZAMBIQUE ON SEPTEMBER 5. ANNOUNCED
PURPOSE OF RALLIES WAS TO INFLUENCE PORTUGUESE NEGOTIATORS

TO TRANSFER POWER IN MOZAMBIQUE IMMEDIATELY TO FRELIMO.

2. DESPITE RAIN, ESTIMATED 50,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED RALLY AT MACHAVA FOOTBALL STADIUM. MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT GRANTED PERMISSION TO ALL CIVIL SERVANTS TO ATTEND RALLY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF LOURENCO MARQUES PROVIDED FREE TRANSPORTATION. HIGHLIGHT OF RALLY WAS RAISING OF FRELIMO FLAG, WHILE CROWD SANG OAU HYMN "GOD BLESS AFRICA." PRINCIPAL SPEAKERS WERE UNKNOWN: ANGELO CHICHAVA, ARMANDO CRUZ, ANGELICA SALOMAO, FRANCISCO CEITA (FRELIMO MEMBER), AND A. MABUNDA (FRELIMO MEMBER). MAIN THEMES WERE: UNITY, INDEPENDENCE, AND PEACE. DEMOCRATS OF MOZAMBIQUE DID NOT ORGANIZE RALLY WHICH WE ASSUME WAS DONE BY LOCAL FRELIMO NUCLEUS. MUTEMBA, WHO WAS KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT LAST RALLY, DID NOT SPEAK. ORGANIZERS OF RALLY INVITED PUBLIC TO COME BACK ON SEPTEMBER 6 FOR MORE OF SAME.

3. FRELIMO PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL, WHOSE STATEMENTS AND TELEGRAMS TO ORGANIZATIONS AND GROUPS HAVE BEEN RECEIVING EXTENSIVE COVERAGE IN MOZAMBIQUE PRESS DURING PAST FEW WEEKS, IS QUOTED IN NOTICIAS AS MAKING FOLLOWING REFERENCE TO RALLIES: "...TODAY IN MOZAMBIQUE, ALL MOZAMBIQUE FROM ROVUMA TO MAPUTO, RALLIES ARE BEING ORGANIZED FAVORING THE IMMEDIATE END OF THE WAR, IMMEDIATE INDEPENDENCE OF MOZAMBIQUE, AND IMMEDIATE TRANSFER OF POWER TO PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE UNDER FRELIMO LEADERSHIP."

4. NOTICIAS REPORTED TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS WITH CONSULAR CORPS REGARDING EFFECT OF RALLIES ON LUSAKA TALKS (MOST DECLINED COMMENT) AND POSITION OF RESPECTIVE FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TOWARD INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE. THOSE OF INTEREST SUMMARIZED BELOW:

A. BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL: BRITISH GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS "FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE" FOR ALL COLONIAL PEOPLES. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE WITH A MAJORITY GOVERNMENT IN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMITTING PROGRESS FOR ALL ITS PEOPLE.

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B. BRAZILIAN CONSUL-GENERAL: BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HOPES TO MAINTAIN CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH FUTURE INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE IN ALL AREAS, AS WELL AS SPECIAL RELATIONS WHICH MUST EXIST AMONG COUNTRIES SPEAKING SAME LANGUAGE AND HAVING SO MANY CULTURAL, POLITICAL, AND SOCIAL TIES.

C. SOUTH AFRICAN CONSUL-GENERAL: SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION IS WELL-DEFINED. WE WISH THE BEST FOR MOZAMBIQUE AND HOPE TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS IN THE PAST.

D. RHODESIAN CONSUL-GENERAL: RHODESIA FOLLOWS A GOOD-NEIGHBOR POLICY WITH BORDERING COUNTRIES DISPOSED TO RECIPRO-CATE. IT IS OUR SINCERE HOPE TO SEE A STABLE GOVERNMENT IN MOZAMBIQUE AND ARE CONFIDENT IN ESTABLISHING CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE FUTURE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS COUNTRY, EITHER EN ROUTE TO INDEPENDENCE OR AFTER IT BECOMES A SOVEREIGN STATE IN COMMUNITY OF NATIONS.

3. AMERICAN CONSUL (CHARGE): WE ARE AWAITING THE FORMATION OF THE NEXT GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE, WITH WHICH WE EXPECT TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS. WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE POLICY OF SELF-DETERMINATION AS A POSITIVE DIRECTION (SIC).

F. RADIO CLUBE DE MOCAMBIQUE NEWSCAST CARRIED STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO BRITISH AND AMERICAN CONSULS GENERAL, QUOTING US AS SAYING: "U.S. EXPECTS TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE."
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